

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1-112 (Cancelled).

113. (New) A food preparation receptacle for mounting in and/or on a food preparation device, the receptacle containing at least one discrete dose of concentrated food preparation formulation, which dose may be discharged from the receptacle on demand, wherein the receptacle is provided with identification means indicative of the contents of the receptacle and wherein the identification means is arranged to be read by a reader provided on the food preparation device when the receptacle is mounted in/or on the device.

114. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 113, wherein the identification means is indicative of the nature of the formulation.

115. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 114, wherein the identification means is alternatively or additionally indicative of the number of discrete doses contained within the receptacle.

116. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 115, wherein the identification means is alternatively or additionally indicative of the size of said at least one dose.

117. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 113, wherein the identification means takes the form of a bar code.

118. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 113, wherein the identification means takes the form of a number of projections provided on the exterior of the receptacle to interface with sensing elements of the reader provided on the food preparation device.

119. (New) A food preparation device constructed and arranged to have mounted therein and/or thereon a food preparation receptacle having the construction claimed in claim 113, the device comprising a said reader for reading the receptacle's identification means when the receptacle is mounted in and/or on the device.

120. (New) A combination of a food preparation receptacle and a food preparation device, wherein the receptacle is for mounting in and/or on the food preparation device, the receptacle containing at least one discrete dose of concentrated food preparation formulation, which dose may be discharged from the receptacle on demand, wherein the receptacle is provided with identification means indicative of the contents of the receptacle and wherein the identification means is arranged to be read by a reader provided on the food preparation device when the receptacle is mounted in/or on the device and the device is constructed and arranged to have the receptacle mounted therein and/or thereon, the device comprising a said reader for reading the receptacle's identification means when the receptacle is mounted in and/or on the device.

121. (New) A receptacle for mounting in and/or on a food preparation device and comprising at least two relatively movable parts, one said part defining a formulation discharge portion through which concentrated food preparation formulation may be discharged from receptacle on demand, and the other said part comprising a housing, the interior of which housing is divided into a plurality of compartments each for containing a discrete dose of formulation, a said dose being selectively dischargeable from the receptacle in use by moving into registration the discharge portion and the compartment in which is contained the dose to be discharged.

122. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 121, wherein said at least two parts are relatively rotatable.

123. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 122, wherein said at least two parts are arranged to be relatively rotated by the food preparation device when the receptacle is mounted in and/or on the device.

124. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 122, wherein said at least two parts are arranged to be relatively rotated by manual indexing when the receptacle is mounted in and/or on the device.

125. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 121, wherein said at least two parts are moulded from plastics material.

126. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 121, wherein said receptacle is dismountable from the food preparation device for refilling and/or replacement.

127. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 121, wherein the receptacle is provided with a hub for mounting the receptacle in and/or on the food preparation device.

128. (New) A receptacle as claimed in claim 121, wherein said plurality of compartments each contain a discrete dose of said formulation.

129. (New) A food preparation device constructed and arranged to have mounted therein and/or thereon the receptacle of claim 121.

130. (New) A combination of a receptacle and a food preparation device, wherein the receptacle is for mounting in and/or on the food preparation device and comprises at least two relatively movable parts, one said part defining a formulation discharge portion through which concentrated food preparation formulation may be discharged from the receptacle on demand, and the other said part comprising a housing, the interior of which housing is divided into a plurality of compartments each for containing a discrete dose of formulation, a said dose being selectively dischargeable from the receptacle in use by moving into registration the discharge portion and the compartment in which is contained the dose to be discharged, and the device is constructed and arranged to have the receptacle mounted therein and/or thereon.

131. (New) A food preparation device, comprising:

at least one water chamber for the controlled dispensation therefrom of water to a bottle-receiving station;

a water dispensation controller for controlling the dispensing of water from said at least one chamber to the bottle-receiving station; and

a weighing apparatus associated with the bottle receiving station to determine the weight of a received bottle and any contents of the bottle;

wherein the water dispensation controller is arranged to control the dispensing of water to the bottle-receiving station according to weight information received from the weighing apparatus.

132. (New) A device as claimed in claim 131, wherein the weighing apparatus is constructed and arranged to determine the weight of any food preparation formulation in the bottle at the bottle-receiving station and the water dispensation controller is configured to match the amount of water dispensed to the determined weight of the bottle's food preparation formulation so as to produce within the bottle an amount of mixed food of a predetermined concentration of formulation to water.

133. (New) A device as claimed in claim 132, further comprising:

a formulation receptacle for containing food preparation formulation; and

a formulation dispenser for dispensing formulation from said receptacle to said bottle-receiving station.

134. (New) A device as claimed in claim 133, wherein the formulation dispenser and the water dispensation controller are configured to match the amount of formulation and water dispensed to the bottle-receiving station so as to produce at the bottle-receiving station mixed food of a predetermined concentration of formulation to water.

135. (New) A device as claimed in claim 131, wherein the water dispensation controller is provided with a manual override to enable manual intervention in the dispensation of water.

136. (New) A device as claimed in claim 131, wherein the water dispensation controller includes a microprocessor controller.

137. (New) A device as claimed in claim 131, further comprising a water flow measurement device for measuring the amount of water dispensed to the bottle-receiving station from said at least one water chamber.

138. (New) A device as claimed in claim 137, wherein the water dispensation controller is arranged to control the dispensing of water according to the volume of water dispensed, as measured by the water flow measurement device.

139. (New) A device as claimed in claim 131, further comprising a timer for timing the duration of water dispensation to the bottle-receiving station from said at least one water chamber.

140. (New) A device as claimed in claim 139, wherein the water dispensation controller is arranged to control the dispensing of water to the mixing location according to timing information received from the timer.

141. (New) A device as claimed in claim 131, wherein the device is constructed and arranged so that both formulation and water dispensed to the bottle-receiving station can be dispensed directly into a bottle received in the bottle-receiving station.

142. (New) A device as claimed in claim 141, wherein the bottle-receiving station is adapted to receive a bottle of a type suitable for administration of the dispensed water/preparation, when dispensed to and then mixed in a bottle, to a baby or infant directly from the bottle.

143. (New) A combination of the food preparation device of claim 131 and a food preparation receptacle for mounting in and/or on the food preparation device, the receptacle containing at least one discrete dose of concentrated food preparation formulation, which dose may be discharged from the receptacle on demand, wherein the receptacle is provided with identification means indicative of the contents of the receptacle and wherein the identification means is arranged to be read by a reader provided on the food preparation device when the receptacle is mounted in/or on the device.

144. (New) A combination as claimed in claim 143, wherein the receptacle is mounted in and/or on the device.

145. (New) A combination of a food preparation device and a receptacle, wherein the food preparation device comprises:

at least one water chamber for the controlled dispensation therefrom of water to a bottle-receiving station;

a water dispensation controller for controlling the dispensing of water from said at least one chamber to the bottle-receiving station; and

a weighing apparatus associated with the bottle receiving station to determine the weight of a received bottle and any contents of the bottle;

wherein the water dispensation controller is arranged to control the dispensing of water to the bottle-receiving station according to weight information received from the weighing apparatus; and

the receptacle is for mounting in and/or on the food preparation device and comprises at least two relatively movable parts, one said part defining a formulation discharge portion through which concentrated food preparation formulation may be discharged the from receptacle on demand, and the other said part comprising a housing, the interior of which housing is divided into a plurality of compartments each for containing a discrete dose of formulation, a said dose being selectively dischargeable from the receptacle in use by moving into registration the discharge portion and the compartment in which is contained the dose to be discharged.

146. (New) A combination as claimed in claim 145, wherein the receptacle is mounted in and/or on the device.